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FOR S/PC - WINSTON LORD

E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR JA

SUBJ: BILATERAL PLANNING TALKS

REF: STATE 78295

- 1. AFTER DISCUSSING REFTEL WITH CHARGE SHOESMITH, POLCOUNS PETREE CALLED ON TACHIBANA APRIL 19 AND LAID OUT YOUR SCHEDULING PROBLEMS AND PREFERENCES, WITHOUT HOWEVER MENTIONING JULY OPTION. PETREE STRESSED YOUR DESIRE TO BE PERSONALLY INVOLVED IN TALKS IF AT ALL POSSIBLE. TACHIBANA WELCOMED THAT SENTIMENT AND SAID HE WANTED TO DO HIS BEST TO FACILITATE YOUR VISITING JAPAN WHENEVER POSSIBLE.
- 2. TACHIBANA THEN COMMENTED THAT HE HAD NOT YET EXAMINED SCHEDULE AFTER AUGUST SO HE COULD NOT IMMEDIATELY RESPOND TO SUGGESTION FOR MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. HE NOTED THAT IF WE ARE TO ADHERE TO BIANNUAL SCHEDULE, JULY WOULD BE BETTER DATE, BUT EVEN ASIDE FROM CONSIDERATION OF REGULARITY, SEVERAL EVENTS OF WORLD IMPORTANCE HAVE OCCURRED WHICH HE WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS WITHOUT TOO MUCH CONFIDENTIAL

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3. FOR SAKE OF EXPLORING POSSIBLE OPTIONS, TACHIBANA THEN OFFERED TWO SUGGESTIONS: (A) IF IT IS DIFFICULT FOR YOU TO FIT TRIP TO JAPAN INTO YOUR JUNE-JULY SCHEDULE, VENUE COULD BE REVERSED AND JAPANESE COULD COME TO WASHINGTON ON THIS OCCASION; (B) TALKS MIGHT BE MADE SOMEWHAT BRIEFER AND LESS FORMAL, PAPERS COULD BE DISPENSED WITH BY BOTH SIDES, AND VENUE COULD BE EITHER TOKYO OR WASHINGTON.

4. AT CONCLUSION OF CONVERSATION, PETREE AGREED TO TRANSMIT TACHIBANA'S PRELIMINARY REACTIONS FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION, AND TACHIBANA AGREED TO STUDY SCHEDULING PROBLEM (SPECIFICALLY FEASIBILITY OF SEPTEMBER). HE ALSO SAID HE WOULD INFORM JAPANESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON OF OUR CONVERSATION. SHOESMITH

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